

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR THE BRUNEI DARUSSALAM GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION

ELIGIBILITY

- Applications are open to citizens of, but not limited to, ASEAN, Commonwealth and OIC member countries. (Applicants of all nationalities are eligible to apply).
- Applicants must be between the ages of **18-25** for **Undergraduate and Diploma** programmes and **must not exceed the age of 35** for **Postgraduate Master's Degree** programmes on the 31 July 2022.
- **The Scholarship is NOT eligible for Brunei Darussalam Permanent Residents.**

PROGRAMME

- The BDGS is offered for study at the level of Diploma, Degree and Master Degree.
- PhD programmes are not offered under the BDGS scholarship.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents **MUST** be submitted along with the application form:

- i. Recent passport size photograph.
- ii. Certified true copies of academic qualifications and other supporting documents (i.e. certificates, testimonials, transcripts).
- iii. Certified **English translations** of supporting documents must be submitted for documents that are not in English.
- iv. Applicant's Statement of Purpose (Item 6).
- v. Certified true copies of Birth Certificate and Passport.
- vi. Security Vetting from country of origin/residence.

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT

- Applicants may apply with their national ID first.

Applicants who have not finished high school but wish to apply for a Bachelor's Degree scholarship should submit the following documents along with the application form:

- i. Recent passport size photographs.
- ii. **Certified true copies of academic qualifications and other supporting documents (i.e. certificates, testimonials, transcripts).**
- iii. Certified English translations of supporting documents must be submitted for documents that are not in English.
- iv. Applicant's Statement of Purpose (Item 6).
- v. Certified true copies of Birth Certificate and Passport.
- vi. Security Vetting from country of origin/residence.

IELTS / TOEFL certificates

- The **general entry requirement** for applicants is a Credit 6 in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a Grade 'C' in IGCSE English (as a second language) or an IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.
- Applicants must submit their results along with the application form. In the absence of the above-mentioned English certificates, the presentation of equivalent certificates should be referred to the chosen university / institution to find out if it is acceptable.

ENDORSEMENTS (Pages 13 & 14 of Application Form)

- All application forms **must** be endorsed by the applicants' Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Education **OR** any national focal points for scholarships. If the applicant is residing in another country, the application form can be endorsed by their Embassy / Consulate / High Commission.

REFEREES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Referees' annotations must be typed.
- The references and recommendations should be sent together with the completed application form.

SECURITY VETTING

- Applicants are required to submit a **security clearance statement** from RESPECTIVE National Security Agency(ies)/ Police Station (i.e. a statement/ report certifying that applicants are clear from any civil and criminal charges).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Application forms must be typed, except for Pages 13 and 14. **Handwritten forms are not accepted.**
- Incomplete application forms will **not be considered.**
- Completed application forms should be emailed to the following e-mail address, in the following format: **Word Document / PDF / JPG (compressed (.zip) folder):**

applybdqs2022@mfa.gov.bn

- The **maximum size** for the e-mail and its attachment is 10MB. Please include a **title** under the **Subject** field when sending the e-mail.
- The closing date for submission of the application form is **15 February 2022 @ 1600hrs (+8GMT)**. **Extension is not granted** after the closing date.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

- Only awarded applicants are required to submit the results of their medical check-up.

PROGRAMME CODES FOR COURSES/PROGRAMME

- Codes for each programme in the respective university's brochures can be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/bdgs/bdgs2022.aspx>
- For applicants applying to **University Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA)**, for **Bachelor Degree** programmes the codes can be found on page 3 and for **Master Degree** programmes **on page 3 & 4** on their brochure.
- For **Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Universiti Teknologi Brunei** and **Politeknik Brunei**, there are no codes needed to be filled in.

SUBMISSION OF UNIVERSITI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (UBD) APPLICATION FORMS

- Inquiries regarding UBD online application form can be e-mailed directly to the university.

SUCSESFUL APPLICANTS

- Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interview by the respective Higher Education Institutions. **However, an interview is not a guarantee that a BDGS Scholarship will be awarded.**
- **Only successful applicants will be notified.** Decisions on the selection process are final.